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amendment rather, as I listen to it, it sounded like you were saying the State of Nebraska could not buy its own telecommunications equipment. My question is, does that mean if we do a study here in the Capitol on our present telephone system which is abominable, does that mean the state cannot buy their own telephones and quit paying rent from now until doomsday, we could one day own them and save the taxpayers hundreds of thousands of dollars?

SENATOR GOLL: Senator Higgins, if you are referring to their own telephones, are you referring to their own telecommunications system?

SENATOR HIGGINS: Telephones. Now that is a form of communicating. It would be what I would consider telecommunications...

SENATOR GOLL: I can't say that I can intelligently answer your question but if I had to guess I would say no.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Well let's put it this way, is it the intent of your amendment not to preclude the state from purchasing its own telephone equipment?

SENATOR GOLL: If you will read my amendment...

SENATOR HIGGINS: I listened to your explanation.

SENATOR GOLL: Nothing shall be construed to authorize the creation or development of a state-financed or directed news media, telecommunications system, telecommunications access or transport service or any part of such system or service and that would be telephones.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Would you say that a telephone is part of a telecommunications system?

SENATOR GOLL: The answer would be yes.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Okay, then this amendment would preclude the people of the State of Nebraska from ever buying their own telephones for the state. Now I know this bill is going